

REMARKS

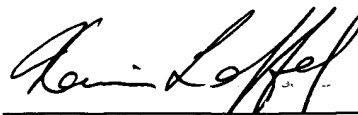
Claims 1 and 2 are cancelled, and claims 11 and 20-27 are amended upon entry of this paper. All rewriting of the claims is made without prejudice or disclaimer. A petition for a two-month extension of time and a supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is submitted with this paper. Applicants hereby request reconsideration and further examination.

Claims 1-27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over each of Iizuka (2002/0022190), Asanea (5,866,289), and Tsuchiya (3,895,125). Applicants respectfully note that the analysis fails to note where "the carrier particles having a dielectric constant ϵ_c of at least about 6" appears in the cited references. In the absence of such, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection on this basis. Please note that this limitation originally appeared in independent claim 3, and is added to independent claim 11 by this paper.

Regarding dependent claims 20-27, the dependency of these claims is changed from claim 1 to claim 3.

In conclusion, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 3-27 are allowable in their present form, and hereby request such allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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